

**EFFECTIVE**

October 1, 2018.

**Subject(s)****Annual Federal cost of living changes for the Food Assistance Program (FAP)****RFT 250, 255, 260**

Bridges is updated to support the annual cost-of-living updates for the FAP standards. The update will appear in Bridges budgets with the effective date of October 1, 2018.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has determined that the monthly FAP issuances are increased for group sizes of three and above. The maximum shelter deduction has increased from \$535 to \$552. Additionally, FNS has determined the heat and utility standard used in calculating FAP benefits has increased to \$543. The telephone and trash/garbage removal standards have decreased and the remaining standards have a minimum increase. The FAP standard deduction for all group sizes has increased.

**Note:** The FAP monthly minimum issuance amount for group sizes of 3 and above, is now \$1.00 instead of \$2.00.

**MANUAL  
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**Changed Items ...**

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